

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. Yamaguchi et al. Attorney Docket No.: NAII123496
Application No.: 10/506,720 Art Unit: 1745 / Confirmation No: 5176
Filed: March 10, 2005 Examiner: J.J. Rhee
Title: ELECTROLYTE FILM AND SOLID
POLYMER FUEL CELL USING THE SAME

EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

July 18, 2007

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants' attorneys acknowledge with appreciation the telephone interview with the Examiner on June 26, 2007. Applicants' attorneys, George Renzoni and Connie F. Wan, and Examiner Jane J. Rhee were present for the interview.

During the interview, applicants' attorneys briefly addressed the teachings of the cited references: EP 1202365, issued to Yamaguchi et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,565,763, issued to Asakawa et al.

Applicants' attorneys stated that the Yamaguchi reference fails to teach a crosslinked polyolefin, and that the Asakawa reference not only fails to teach a crosslinked polymer, but also discloses a membrane containing only one polymer. Applicants' attorneys indicated that applicants would submit a response to the final rejection of the claims to allow the Examiner to consider applicants' argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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